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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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An Election Requirement was set forth in an Office Action mailed August 22, 2006 for the patent application captioned above. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following comments.

**Claims** are reproduced for the Examiner's convenience and begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.